



Substitute Senate Bill No. 277

Special Act No. 22-11

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working group to study and make recommendations related to solid waste management in the state, including, but not limited to, recommending a strategic plan for both short-term and long-term management and disposal of solid waste.

(b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

(1) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment;

(2) The Senate chairperson and House vice-chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy;

(3) The ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment;

(4) The ranking members of the joint standing committee of the

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General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy;

(5) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or the commissioner's designee;

(6) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee;

(7) The chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, or the chairperson's designee;

(8) A first selectman, mayor or town manager of a city or town that is a member of Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

(9) A first selectman, mayor or town manager of a town that is a member of Connecticut Council of Small Towns, who shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

(10) A representative of the farming industry, who shall be appointed by the chairpersons of the committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment;

(11) An owner or operator of an anaerobic food waste digester, who shall be appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;

(12) A director of the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority, who shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

(13) An operator of a material recovery facility, who shall be appointed by the Senate chairperson and House vice-chairperson of the committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy;

(14) An operator of a Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority

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regional transfer station, who shall be appointed by the ranking members of the committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy;

(15) An operator of a trash-to-energy facility, who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

(16) A member of the National Waste and Recycling Association, who shall be an active owner and operator of a waste and recycling collection company and shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

(c) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

(d) The administrative staff of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment and energy shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

(e) Not later than January 1, 2023, the working group shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment and energy. The working group shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2023, whichever is later.

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